

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SANDRA WALLACE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who has enjoyed a remarkable career helping parents and their children begin the life-long process of learning. Sandra Wallace, who is retiring after 27 years as a teacher and director at the Pacifica Co-op Nursery School, has been a pillar in the lives of families at this popular parent-participation pre-school.

Known to multiple generations as "Teacher Sandy," she began her career more than 35 years ago as a high school art teacher. When she and her husband, Doug, began their own family, she took a leave of absence. Taking her own children to a co-op nursery school, she was struck with a desire to work in such a program herself. That moment began nearly three decades of service to children and parents who benefited from her wisdom, compassion, patience, knowledge and experience in childhood education.

Madam Speaker, her career in early childhood education began as an enrichment teacher at the Serramonte Nursery School in Daly City. While earning a master's degree from San Francisco State University, she conducted her graduate field study at the Pacifica Co-op Nursery School. Knowing a good thing, the school's board hired her full time as an Assistant Director, leading to a tenure that has spanned generations.

Young parents immediately recognized the unique skills Teacher Sandy exhibited at the Co-op Nursery School. She created the popular Bug School as a summer program, and in 1985 she was appointed Director for the growing morning and afternoon sessions.

In 1995, the Professional Association for Childhood Education (PACE) for the State of California named her Teacher of the Year.

Not only did Sandra Wallace manage the programs at the Co-op Nursery School, but she also worked with the Jefferson Union High School District Adult Education Division teaching Parent Education classes. Many men and women in the area learned valuable skills from Teacher Sandy about how to raise their children effectively. The value of giving families a strong educational beginning cannot be overstated, and I know the families she's touched and the community she's been dedicated to owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, I want to share with my colleagues my immense respect and appreciation for Sandra Wallace. She has dedicated her professional life to making sure children and their parents have a meaningful and productive start. She and her husband will be retiring to Michigan this year, but Teacher Sandy is leaving a legacy in my Congressional district that will live on in the more than 1,000 children she has taught while making the Pacifica Co-op Nursery School a treasure of the local community.

I would like to wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement and extend the gratitude of all my constituents for her selfless commitment to childhood education.

NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL
CANCER EARLY DETECTION PRO-
GRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women and the leading cause of cancer death among women under the age of 40. Early detection and education are key to winning this battle. It is imperative that we reauthorize the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Act, H.R. 1132, so that all women are given access to free and low-cost breast and cervical screenings. No woman should be denied these life-saving screenings simply because they cannot afford them. Further, all women should be made aware of the benefits of each screening and the risks of these cancers through public education programs.

This issue is very important within my District of Marin and Sonoma Counties in California, and especially so in Marin County because it has the highest rate of breast cancer in the country. Among white women, aged 45 to 64, the breast cancer rate in Marin has increased 72 percent in the last decade. Marin County's rates are approximately 40 percent higher than the national average and about 30 percent higher than the rest of the Bay Area. This is why early detection and education in women of all ages is so important.

In addition to this important legislation, we need to do more to prevent breast cancer deaths in women under the age of 40. Approximately 11,000 women under the age of 40 will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, of which nearly 1,300 will die. That's why I introduced the Annie Fox Act, H.R. 715, named after a young woman in my district who was diagnosed with breast cancer and died at the age of 35. This bill will authorize research into the causes of breast cancer in younger women and educate them about the risks of breast cancer.

It is important that we not only continue to fund preventative screenings, education and research for women over the ages of 45, but that we also do so for our younger women so that they may live long, healthy lives.

I applaud the passage of this important legislation and look forward to working with my colleagues to pass H.R. 715, the Annie Fox Act.

IN HONOR OF NAAMANS LITTLE
LEAGUE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Naamans Little League. By providing a positive outlet for children, this organization has played a vital role in shaping young leaders in my home state of Delaware.

After it was founded in 1957, the organization has grown rapidly because of its efficient organization and the valuable service it provides to the community: uniting children with sports. While it began with only 60 boys on 4 baseball teams, Naamans Little League now has over 500 players on 42 teams and has formed both a Tee Ball League and a Senior League.

I was fortunate enough to celebrate with the League after they participated in the Little League World Championship. This opportunity further convinced me that their significance within the community cannot be emphasized strongly enough. Their efforts have allowed countless people to understand and enjoy the benefits of physical activity, team work, sportsmanship, and responsibility. After spending just a short while at the celebration, it became very clear to me that this organization has a profoundly far reaching impact, shaping individuals, friendships, families, and communities.

I am pleased to announce that a flag will be flown over the capital in honor of the Naamans Little League's 50th anniversary. I commend this great organization for their immeasurable contributions to Delaware and wish them all the best on this momentous anniversary.

RECOGNIZING DOMINICK ESTEBAN
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dominick Esteban, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dominick has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dominick has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dominick Esteban for his

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